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Live Light Type Fowl
Cents Per Lb., Generally For Slaughter Within Next 10 Days

NOTICE: Effective January 3, the Light type hen reports will no longer report light live hen prices in cents per pound, generally fro slaughter within the next 10 days. The report will reflect producer costs in cents per bird for light type hen removal. The change is in response to request from egg producers, hen buyers, transporters and processors to reflect current industry hen removal practices.

	Buyer Loading	Producer Loading
Eastern Region	0-0	0-0
South Central Region	TFEWR	TFEWR
North Central Region	TFEWR	0

Live Heavy Type Hens (7 Lb & Up)
Preliminary Negotiated Price, Cents Per Lb., Generally For Slaughter
The Week Of December 30, 2002
At Farm Buyer Loading

Southeast Region	Too Few Sales To Report Prices
South Central Region	Too Few Sales To Report Prices

National Canner Fowl Market (Without Necks)
Cents Per Pound Delivered To First Receivers

	(Freight Cost Included)		(Without Freight Cost)	
	Range	Majority	Range	Majority
Light Type	21.50-26.50	23.50-24.50	20.50-25.00	21.50-22.50
Heavy Type	33.00-37.00	33.00-34.00	31.00-35.00	31.00-33.00

Miscellaneous Poultry

Ready-To-Cook Prices Negotiated For Delivery To First Receivers,
U.S. Grade A And Plant Grade, 5 Lbs. And Up
For Week Of December 23, 2002

	Hens	Range	Mostly
Central	Ice Packed (12 Head Per Box)	61-66	-
	Vacuum Pack (6-9 Head Per Box)	62-79	
S. California	Under 5 Lbs.	TFEWR	-
	Over 5 Lbs.	75	